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For: OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR SHRINKAGE
AND CLOSING OF DEPOSITED TUBE (as amended)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97 and 1.98 as amended, applicant cites,
provides copies, list and briefly discusses the following art references.

JAPANESE PATENT REFERENCES:

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Published Date</u>
• Sho51-11714 (Sho 52-103843) "Apparatus To Manufacture Optical Fiber Material"	Tanigawa <i>et al.</i>	6 August 1977

and English language Abstract for Sho 51-11714 (Sho 52-103843)

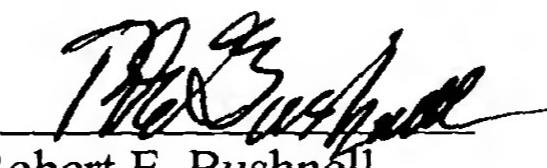
DISCUSSION

Tanigawa JP '843 contemplates providing a heating source "that heats and melt the tubular optical fiber material with accumulated optical fiber glass on the inner walls into rod-like optical fiber material without any air gap and the container that keeps the said heating body in the air excluding the acid air to prevent consumption of the heating body while the structure keeping the quantity of flowing air in the said container, moving elastically along the lengthwise direction of the material and covering said tubular glass material.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 (e)(1), that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information designated in section 1.56(e) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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